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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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First Named Inventor	SODERLUND, Hans E.
Art Unit	1634
Examiner Name	SOUAYA, Jehanne E.
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____

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i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
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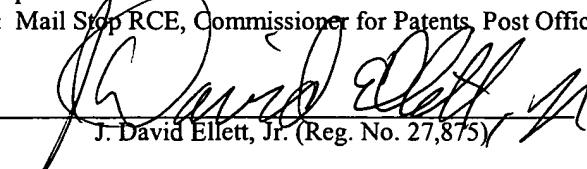
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An Office Action dated 25 February 2003 was issued in connection with the subject application in which claims 40 through 81 inclusive of the application were rejected for a second time. The second rejection was appealed in a notice of appeal timely submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 25 August 2003 with a certificate of first class mailing. Consequently, prosecution in the subject application is closed, as required under 37 CFR 1.114(b) for filing a request for continued examination. The appeal was dated 27 August 2003. A request to extend the time to file an appeal brief in the appeal with respect to the subject application through 27 March 2004, a Saturday, is being submitted with the present reply to an Office Action and request for continued examination. The request for continued examination submitted herewith and the present reply to an Office Action constituting a submission accompanying the request for continued examination as required under 37 CFR 1.114(a)(c) are being timely submitted with a certificate of first class mailing on 29 March 2004, the next business day following 27 March 2004, before abandonment of the subject application as required under 37 CFR 1.114(a).